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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. II   | Priority   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. III  | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. IV   | Lack of unity of invention   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V    | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. VI   | Certain documents cited  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. VII  | Certain defects in the international application   |
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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
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<b>Box No. V</b>	<b>Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</b>		
<b>1. Statement</b>			
Novelty (N)		Claims <u>1 - 7</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)		Claims _____	YES
		Claims <u>1 - 7</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)		Claims <u>1 - 7</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
<b>2. Citations and explanations:</b>			
<p><b>Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5</b></p> <p>Document 1: JP 2002-42608 A (Kojima Press Industry Co., Ltd., Miyama Denki Kabushiki Kaisha), 08 February 2002, page 2, column 2 to page 3, column 3; Fig. 1</p> <p>Document 2: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 29712/1988 (Laid-open No. 134324/1989) (Ichikoh Industries Ltd.), 13 September 1989, Full text; Figs. 1-17</p> <p>The inventions described in claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1 and 2. Document 1 describes a cushioning means composed of a plate spring with a "&lt;" shape in a horizontal direction, and document 2 describes installation of the contact part of a slide switch on the slider side of the cushioning means. Documents 1 and 2 belong to technical fields closely related to one another, and installation of the cushioning means of document 1 at the contact part on the slider side of the cushioning means can easily be conceived of by a person skilled in the art.</p> <p><b>Claim 3</b></p> <p>Document 3: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 20815/1988 (Laid-open No. 124631/1989) (Nihon Kaiheiki Ind. Co., Ltd.), 24 August 1989, Full text; Figs. 1-6</p> <p>The invention described in claim 3 does not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1, 2 and 3. Documents 1, 2 and 3 belong to technical fields closely related to one another, and application of the plate spring curved in semicircular shape in a vertical direction described in document 3 to the cushioning means of document 1 can easily be conceived of by a person skilled in the art.</p>			

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Claim 6

Document 4: JP 57-147825 A (Canon Inc.), 11 September 1982, Full text; Figs. 1-5

The invention described in claim 6 does not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1, 2 and 4. Documents 1, 2 and 4 belong to technical fields closely related to one another, and application of the case described in document 4, provided with a positioning part positioning the slider in three steps on one side inside the case and a positioning part positioning the slider in two steps on the other side inside the case, as the case of document 1 can easily be conceived of by a person skilled in the art.

Claim 7

Document 5: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 145184/1986 (Laid-open No. 52235/1988) (Ichikoh Industries Ltd., Mazda Motor Corp.), 08 April 1988, pages 6-9; Fig. 1

The invention described in claim 7 does not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1, 2 and 5. Documents 1, 2 and 5 belong to technical fields closely related to one another, and application of the projecting part projecting from the lower surface of the slider and being urged by an elastic member described in document 5 to the slide switch of document 1 can easily be conceived of by a person skilled in the art.